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## South Australian Statistical News and Releases



### ABS NEWS AND RELEASES

#### 2011 Census of Population and Housing Local & Regional Engagement Strategy.

To help us count everyone in Australia during the 2011 Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is seeking the advice and support of community focussed and government organisations in the preparation for the 2011 Census.

The 2006 Census achieved good outcomes in many regions. However, the results also showed us that we need to focus on improving coverage to ensure the Census count is the best possible. We aim to do this through initiatives that:

- increase support for the Census at the community level
- utilise local knowledge and intelligence
- improve awareness of recruitment of Census field staff, and
- raise awareness and promote the benefits of the 2011 Census.

We are looking to establish a network of organisations that are interested in the Census and making sure their community counts. We aim to involve this network of organisations in these initiatives. For more information and to be part of the planning for the 2011 Census, contact Pam Balfour, the South Australian Census Engagement Officer on 08 8237 7588 or email [pam.balfour@abs.gov.au](mailto:pam.balfour@abs.gov.au).

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#### **Consultation on new Geographical Boundaries for SA**

The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) is used for the collection and dissemination of geographically classified statistics. The ASGC has formed the foundation of the statistical geography used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) since 1984. The ABS intends to replace the current ASGC with the new Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) through an implementation strategy commencing in 2011. The ASGS will be based upon mesh blocks creating more stable and consistent units than the ASGC. It will be the new basis for the publication of the complete range of ABS spatial statistics.

SA2s (which will replace Statistical Local Areas) are the key level in the ASGS as the majority of intercensal data will be available at this level. A draft set of SA2 boundaries for South Australia has now been prepared and the ABS is seeking comment from stakeholders. A consultation session will be run in the SA Office of the ABS on Monday 6 April at 10.00 a.m. If you are interested in attending, or would like a copy of the draft boundaries, please contact Pam Balfour on 08 8237 7588 or email [pam.balfour@abs.gov.au](mailto:pam.balfour@abs.gov.au).

For further information on ASGS see

[Information Paper: Outcome from The Review of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 2008 \(cat. no. 1216.0.55.002\)](#)

[Review of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 2007 \(cat. no. 1216.0.55.001\)](#)

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## **SA Stats (cat. no. 1345.4)**

SA Stats provides an overview of the SA population and economy. This publication is updated on a monthly basis, with most releases also featuring an article that provides a SA focus on economic, social and environmental issues.

### **SA Stats, December 2008**

SA Stats for December 2008 includes a new article on Energy Consumption in SA. This article looks at changes in energy consumption in SA and Australia since 1989-90, and how this relates to the size of the population and the structure of the economy.

### **SA Stats, January 2009**

January's feature article examines South Australian Household Final Consumption Expenditure. This article investigates how South Australians adjusted their household expenditure during a recent period of rising petrol prices.

### **SA Stats, February 2009**

The feature article looks at the recent increase in South Australia's Total Fertility Rate using data from Births, Australia (cat. no. 3301.0). The article examines fertility trends with regard to the age of mother and the relative socio-economic status of the region in which she lives.

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### **Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 2007-08 (cat. no. 8146.0)**

This release presents a summary of results compiled from household use of information technology data collected from the Multi-Purpose Household Survey for 2007-08. It includes commentary on major trends in internet and broadband access and use across Australia. This release also presents selected results from the 2006 Time Use Survey, including the extent of teleworking in Australia and average minutes per day Australians spend using the internet.

In South Australia, 62% of households had access to the Internet at home and 42% had access to broadband at home. In comparison, for Australia 67% of households had access to the Internet at home and 52% had access to broadband at home. Of South Australians aged 15 years and over who used the Internet, 60% accessed the Internet at home and 31% accessed the Internet at work.

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### **Retail Trade, Australia, January 2009 (cat. no. 8501.0)**

This publication contains monthly estimates of turnover for retail establishments. Trend, seasonally adjusted and original estimates are included for industry groups and states and Australia in current price terms. More detailed current price data classified by state and industry are available from the downloads tab on the ABS website.

For South Australia the seasonally adjusted estimate in January 2009 increased by 0.1% compared to December 2008. This follows an increase of 2.4% in December and 0.5% decrease in November 2008.

In original terms, South Australian turnover decreased by 23.3% in January 2009 compared with December 2008. Turnover of chains and other large retailers (which are completely enumerated) decreased by 24.2% in SA, while the estimate for 'smaller' retailers decreased by 21.4%.

Note that the retail trade trend series have been suspended as at November 2008 as it is not possible to determine the trend in retail turnover through the period affected by the Government's stimulus package and other influences associated with global economic conditions. For further information see Information paper: Changes to the Dissemination of Retail Trade Statistics, January 2009, (cat. no. 8501.0.55.005) a feature article in this newsletter.

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## NON ABS RELEASES

### The wellbeing of Australians - differences between statistical sub-divisions, towns and cities

This report, released by the Australian Centre on Quality of Life, at the Deakin University, provides a subjective measure of the wellbeing of the Australian population. This report focuses on the Personal Wellbeing Index, the average level of satisfaction across seven aspects of personal life; health, personal relationships, safety, standard of living, achieving, community connectedness, and future security. The index is constructed using data collected from a survey of a geographically representative national sample of Australians aged 18 years or over and fluent in English.

This report describes the wellbeing of Australians as represented by the averages of Statistical Sub Divisions (SSD) of Australia. Upper South East (SA) and Kangaroo Island/Yorke (SA) were in the top five SSDs in Australia with the highest levels of wellbeing. None of the five SSDs with the lowest levels of wellbeing were in SA.

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### State Statistical Bulletin 2007-08

This paper, released by the Parliamentary Library, provides tables and charts that allow comparisons between individual states and territories across a broad range of social and economic indicators. Each table contains data for the last five years. Topics covered include labour market, wage and prices, state accounts, business conditions, housing, financial management, exports and social statistics.

Findings for SA include:

- Adelaide had a 17.5% increase in median house prices between 2006-07 and 2007-08, compared with an 8.8% increase for the weighted average for the eight capital cities in the same period.
- The proportion of general practice attendances bulk billed in 2007-08 was 78.3% for South Australia, compared with 78.5% for Australia.
- In 2007-08 SA had the second highest dependency ratio of all states and territories (50.2). This is a ratio of the economically inactive to economically active population. Tasmania had a higher ratio of 52.6.

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## Upcoming ABS Statistical Training in South Australia



UPCOMING ABS STATISTICAL TRAINING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## TRAINING CALENDAR

To assist in developing statistical expertise, the ABS can provide training courses to your staff. Our training programs are conducted by ABS staff with expertise in designing questionnaires, analysing data and managing the survey process. Courses can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your organisation, for example using South Australia-specific information, with the aim of upskilling people in the access, use, interpretation and collection of statistical information.

The ABS also provides regular seminars and information sessions which may focus on statistical developments, publications, trends or issues. The following training is currently scheduled for the Adelaide (SA) office between March and June 2009.

### **CDATA Online - FREE Seminar**

**Date:** 07/04/09

**Duration:** 1.5 hours 9:30am - 11:00am

**Description:** This seminar will introduce participants to CDATA online. CDATA Online is a free web-based product that allows you to create your own tables of Census data on a range of different topics such as: age, education, housing, income, transport, religion, ethnicity, occupation and more. All Census geographies are available, from a single Collection District to an entire State/Territory or total Australia. You are able to create your own custom groups and areas, and can view your Census data in tables, graphs and maps.

**Who should attend:** Suitable for a range of users, including government, business and community groups, researchers and information professionals

**Cost:** Free

### **Accessing ABS Information - FREE Seminar**

**Date:** 31/03/09, 29/04/09, 03/06/09

**Duration:** 1.5 hours 9:30am - 11:00am

**Description:** ABS on-line publications and data are free to download from the ABS web site, [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au), and this information seminar aims to increase awareness of the content of the ABS web site. The seminar also covers access to and content of ABS@SAGov, which is available to South Australian State Government employees and contains unpublished data commissioned by South Australian State Government agencies, announcements and other content of interest to state government users of ABS services.

**Who should attend:** Suitable for a range of new and existing users of the ABS web site and would be a valuable introduction to ABS data for those considering undertaking other ABS courses.

**Cost:** Free

## **Analysing Survey Data Made Simple - Workshop**

**Date:** 01/04/09 - 02/04/09

**Duration:** 2 days

**Description:** This two-day, computer-based course develops basic practical skills in statistical and graphical data analysis techniques using Microsoft Excel.

**Who should attend:** Those with little or no knowledge of statistical analysis techniques who need a basic understanding of how to analyse and describe data that has been collected in surveys. Please note this is not a course in how to use Excel - previous spreadsheet experience is recommended.

**Cost:** \$750 (inc. GST)

## **Turning Data Into Information - Workshop**

**Date:** 13/05/09 - 14/05/09

**Duration:** 2 days

**Description:** This two-day course is intended to provide skills in interpreting, communicating and displaying data clearly and effectively. Participants will gain skills in transforming data into meaningful written information, particularly in respect to social policy issues.

**Who should attend:** This course will be most beneficial to people who need to use data to produce reports or social commentary, or people who are involved with monitoring and evaluation in a social context.

**Cost:** \$750 (inc. GST)

## **Principals of Questionnaire Design - Workshop**

**Date:** 16/06/09 - 17/06/09

**Duration:** 2 days

**Description:** A well designed questionnaire is vital for collecting high quality data. The aim of this course is to provide participants with an awareness and understanding of questionnaire design principles. The course covers selecting collection methodologies, developing survey questions, designing questionnaire layout and testing the questionnaire.

**Who should attend:** People who will be involved in designing and conducting a survey and wish to gain an understanding of how to design a questionnaire that will collect data accurately.

**Cost:** \$750 (inc. GST)

## **Valuing Australia's Environment**

**Date:** 19/06/09

**Duration:** 1 day

**Description:** This course provides an introduction to the notion of environmental accounts, including insight into their compilation and uses. The course covers the frameworks that underpin environmental accounting; the various types of environmental accounts and what they measure; the processes, frameworks and classifications involved in compiling environmental accounts and the various uses and users of environmental accounts.

**Who should attend:** Those seeking an introduction to environmental accounting. Both statisticians and data users with an interest in the environment may find the course valuable.

**Cost:** \$450 (inc. GST)

Further details of training courses and registration forms can be found on the [ABS web site](#) (select 'Services' and then 'ABS Training'). The web site also provides information about other training courses that the ABS can present, courses that are scheduled in other states and territories, and on-line training courses. If you or your colleagues are interested in any courses that have not been scheduled in Adelaide, or you are interested in arranging tailored training packages, please contact the Statistical Consultancy Unit on 8237 7555.

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## Feature ABS Releases



### FEATURE ABS RELEASES

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### [A Picture of the Nation: the Statistician's Report on the 2006 Census, 2006 \(cat. no. 2070.0\)](#)

The Statistician's Report analyses information collected in the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. It also incorporates information from previous censuses - in some instances going back as far as 1911. It presents stories about contemporary society and trends that affect the lives of Australian people. Drawing on the rich variety of topics covered by the census and looking across different geographic areas and population groups, this report showcases the many strengths of census data.

The report consists of eight chapters, each focusing on different areas of social interest and concern:

- population
- cultural diversity
- community
- living arrangements
- education
- work
- economic resources and

- housing.

Each chapter contains an overview and two or three feature articles. The overviews report on relevant census findings at a broad level. The feature articles focus on specific social issues or populations subgroups.

The fact that high quality national censuses have been held in Australia for almost a century, allows the characteristics of Australia's diverse population to be analysed in many different ways. Two approaches for examining sub-groups of the population have been used in this report: Life cycle and Generational group analysis. By grouping together people at similar stages of life, Life-cycle groups help to reveal the common stories and trends experienced by members of these groups. For instance, young adults have the greatest diversity in living arrangements, reflecting the many transitions they are facing (see the 'Living arrangements overview', p. 60 - 72). Similarly, by splitting the population into five age-based Generation groups, such as the Lucky and Baby Boomer Generations, and Generation X and Y (see 'Religion across the generations', p.54 - 58).

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### **Information paper: Changes to the Dissemination of Retail Trade Statistics, January 2009 (cat. no. 8501.0.55.005)**

In response to the tightening financial situation faced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, in July 2008 changes were introduced to the scope, sample size and collection methodology of the Retail Business Survey. These changes involved:

- Hotels and licensed clubs, Video hire outlets and Hairdressing and beauty salons being excluded from the survey
- the monthly sample size being reduced by 59%
- a 'one-in, two-out' sampling scheme being implemented for collecting data from the sampled units.

On 4 November 2008, the Australian Statistician announced that the 'full' monthly Retail Trade sample would be reinstated. The Statistician recognised that global developments over recent months had heightened public interest in government action to support the economy and consequently, there was closer scrutiny of economic data. In addition, key macroeconomic statistics users had indicated that more robust monthly retail trade data are their top priority at this time for improved economic statistics. Therefore the 'one-in, two-out' sampling scheme was terminated. However, the industries excluded from the survey from July 2008 continue to be excluded.

This information paper describes changes that will be made to Retail Trade statistics following the reinstatement of a 'full' sample each month. The paper briefly sets out:

- the background to the changes
- the timing of the changes
- the content of the revised monthly publication including the data that will be available on the ABS website
- the availability of detailed industry by state monthly data for the July to October 2008 reference months
- the impact of the changes on seasonal adjustment.

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## SUMMARY OF SELECTED ABS RELEASES

### ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RELEASES

#### Economic Releases

##### [Information Paper: ANZSCO -- Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition, Revision 1, 2009 \(cat. no. 1221.0\)](#)

This information paper foreshadows the introduction of Revision 1 of ANZSCO First Edition. It includes discussion of the reasons for, and the scope of, the revision. It also contains the updated classification structure at the most detailed (6-digit) level.

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##### [Information Paper: Changes to International Trade in Goods Industry Statistics, July 2009 \(cat. no. 5368.0.55.011\)](#)

This information paper describes changes that will be made to Australian export and import goods statistics classified by industry. These changes will result from the implementation of the 2006 update to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC).

This paper advises the timing of the introduction of ANZSIC 2006 in export and import statistics and how ANZSIC 2006 and related correspondences can be accessed.

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##### [Venture Capital and Later Stage Private Equity, Australia, 2007-08 \(cat. no. 5678.0\)](#)

The survey provides details of venture capital and later stage private equity activity from venture capital and later stage private equity fund managers. The information includes in broad terms fund commitments and drawdowns by source of funds, assets and liabilities of the venture capital and later stage private equity funds, financing flows between the funds and their investors and investee companies and the stage and industry characteristics of venture capital deals undertaken during the latest financial year.

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##### [Persons with Main Source of Income from Own Unincorporated Business, Estimates for Small Areas - Data Cubes, 2004-05 to 2005-06 \(cat. no. 6225.0.55.001\)](#)

These data are estimates of the number of persons whose main or principal source of income comes from their Own unincorporated business(es) for the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06. The data includes estimates of: the number of persons by sex; the income those persons received from Own unincorporated business(es); and the total income those persons received from all sources. These data have been compiled from the Australian Taxation Office's Individual Income Tax Return Database

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##### [Employment and Earnings, Public Sector, Australia, 2007-08 \(cat. no. 6248.0.55.002\)](#)

Contains estimates of number of public sector employees and gross earnings by level of government by state. Also contains estimates of number of public sector employees and gross earnings by industry for Australia.

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## **Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics, February 2009 (cat. no. 6262.0)**

This paper describes changes to become effective in February 2009 to a number of the existing regions used in the dissemination of labour force statistics derived from the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). The paper also provides general information on the availability of labour force statistics for those dissemination regions.

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## **Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, 2001-02 to 2005-06 (cat. no. 6524.0.55.002)**

This release contains data cubes (excel spreadsheets) containing estimates of the sources and amount of personal income people received for the years 2001-02 to 2005-06, for Statistical Local Areas and other geographies (LGA, SSD, SD, State/Territory and Australia). The estimates have been compiled using aggregated individual income tax data from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). The datacubes provide a breakdown of personal income by the following sources - wage & salary, own unincorporated business, investment, superannuation and annuities, other income (excluding government pensions and allowances) and total income (excluding government pensions and allowances).

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## **Motor Vehicle Census, Australia, 31 Mar 2008 (cat. no. 9309.0)**

This publication presents statistics relating to vehicles which were registered at 31 March 2008 with a motor vehicle registration authority. Motor vehicle registration statistics are compiled from data made available by various state and territory motor vehicle registration authorities and reflect the information as recorded in registration documents.

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## **Environmental Releases**

### **Water Use on Australian Farms, 2006-07 (Additional Data Cubes for selected NRM region data) (cat. no. 4618.0)**

Data in these tables supplements that in Water Use on Australian Farms 2006-07 released in August 2008. The additional datacubes present selected data at Natural Resource Management (NRM) region geographies. Data on major pastures and crops irrigated, sources of agricultural water by volume, irrigation methods by area irrigated, value of irrigation equipment and infrastructure, and total irrigation expenditure is presented for NRM regions.

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### **ABS Agriculture Statistics Collection Strategy - 2008-09 and beyond, 2009-10 (cat. no. 7105.0)**

This information paper is the first in a series of three papers. It outlines proposed changes to the ABS Agricultural Survey program aimed at improving the statistical information base relevant to agriculture and natural resource management statistics as they relate to agriculture.

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## **Social Releases**

### **Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, Jun 2008 (cat. no. 3201.0)**

This issue contains estimates of the resident population of Australian states and territories as at 30 June of each reference year. Estimates up to 2006 are final, based on the results of

the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Estimates from 2007 onwards are preliminary. As part of the scheduled revision cycle for estimated resident population, revised figures for 2006-2007 will be released on 19 March 2009. Data released in Population by Age and Sex, Jun 2007, Jun 2002-2007 and Jun 2008 (cat. no. 3201.0) time series and data cubes will be updated to reflect this.

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### **Migrant Data Matrices, 2008 (cat. no. 3415.0)**

The Migrant Data Matrices provide users with links to data on migrants from a range of ABS products. Data include a broad selection of demographic, geographic, socio-economic and survey specific items. The data items included are not exhaustive but rather provide a selection of the data available from a collection.

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### **Schools, Australia, Preliminary, 2008 (cat. no. 4220.0)**

This release contains a summary of state, territory and national data for the broad categories of schools, students and staff at the 2008 school census date of the 1st August. More detailed data, including derived participation and progression measures, will be published in the Final publication, due out in March 2009, and the detailed Data Cubes and spreadsheets subsequently published on the ABS website.

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### **National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing: Users' Guide, 2007 (cat. no. 4327.0)**

This publication presents detailed information on the design and contents of the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing (SMHWB).

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### **Information Paper: Producing national estimates from State Health surveys, 2004 (cat. no. 4375.0.55.001)**

This publication reports on the trial conducted by the ABS of pooling data from different health surveys conducted in individual States and Territories in order to create national estimates. It provides a background to the project, outlines the methods involved in pooling and diagnostics on the pooled dataset, and reports the national estimates, along with data from the NHS for comparison.

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### **Criminal Courts, Australia, 2007-08 (cat. no. 4513.0)**

Provides nationally comparable data showing the number of defendants dealt with by the Higher (Supreme and Intermediate), Magistrates' and Children's criminal courts. Includes details on the characteristics of defendants (such as age and sex), and outcomes associated with adjudicated defendants (including sentence type) by the type of principal offence committed. Information is presented for each state and territory (including the aggregate total for Australia) and for each of the three court levels.

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## **About this Release**

Statistical News SA provides readers with new and relevant information about significant ABS data releases, state data releases, survey developments, training, information sessions and major changes to the statistical program.

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